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**March 15, 2006 2nd Deployment
Briefing at FRC at 6pm.**

So the month of February is upon us. It seems like almost yesterday that we were saying our goodbyes and preparing to depart. Time sure has flown by and I hope that it continues to do so.

As for Dragon Company's mission, we continue to provide key infrastructure and operational oversight at our current location. Just recently members of 2nd Platoon were responsible for discovering a small arms weapon cache while out conducting patrols in sector. Always a good day when we can get weapons off of the streets that are intended to do harm to us. The company remains diligent and their work ethic has yet to waver. In past experiences, about mid-way through the deployment, monotony tends to become an issue, but has yet to rear its head in our environment. We try and work the days so that the Soldiers are not overly stressed, and for the most part it seems to be working fine.

By now, many of your Soldiers should have returned home for leave and some have returned to back to us already. Mid-tour leave is a great program and you should encourage your Soldier, spouse, or son to take advantage of the opportunity. While your Soldier is home on leave, although it is hard to try and not worry about your family back in Iraq, also encourage them to relax and enjoy their time off. They have deserved it and we will do fine here for the 2 weeks they are gone.

When our company moves from the location we are currently at, I will be able to give more details. But for right now, I cannot say when or where we will move simply because I do not know. I encourage you to attend the FRG meetings back at Ft. Campbell as most of the up to date information will be put out there.

Again, I appreciate all of your support for this company and if you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My e-mail is neil.myres@us.army.mil.

RAKKASANS!

CPT Neil J. Myres



FYI'S



NEXT FRG MEETING

The next FRG meeting will be on February 14th at 5:30pm at the battalion conference room.

A BIG THANKS

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Ashlee Hagar and Andrea Caddel for their work as key callers. We would also like to thank Jennifer Castillo for stepping up as the new key caller for 4th platoon. A special thanks to all of our key callers for their continued support of Delta Co. families.

EAGLE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Fort Campbell hosts a remembrance service for fallen soldiers the second Wednesday of every month at Division Headquarters at 5:40pm. On February 8, they will be honoring two soldiers from the Leader Rakkasans (SSG Van Der Horn, Charlie Company and PFC Pfender, HHC). There will be a reception following at Cole Park Commons.

SUPER SATURDAYS

The first Saturday of every month is known as super Saturday. This month, there will be an additional Saturday on the February 11. You are entitled to 5 free hours at the Daycare Center. You need to be registered with CDC to use service.

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TAXES DONE!!!

Here is an easy way to do your taxes.

[Http://www.taxfreedom.com](http://www.taxfreedom.com) is a link to free turbo tax. OR Visit the tax center on post. It is located by Burger King. You can print your W2 from My-pay.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASSES

Check Writing Classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9am-11am. Money Management classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 9am-11am. For more information call 798-5518.

HERE FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your FRG Leaders and your POCs are here to help you through this deployment. Feel free to contact us with any problems or questions.

AIRLINE GATE PASSES

Once your soldier tells you what airline he is flying for midtour leave, you can go to that ticket counter and show your ID to get a pass to meet him at his gate.

BRIGADE SKATE NIGHT

The brigade will be hosting a skate night on February 24th at the Roller Dome Funplex in Hopkinsville from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Cost is \$3.00 per person (includes skates). RSVP to amyjo.rotante@us.army.mil.

FYI's

1. February 23, 2006 at 10am, the Golden Rakkasan Memorial Service at Rakkasan Pylon across from the Museum. All families are invited.
2. February 23, 2006 at 6:30pm the Golden Rakkasan Los Banos Memorial Dinner will be held at Cole Park Commons. It is \$15.00/person and this fee must be paid by February 16. Make checks payable to Ft. Campbell Chapter, 11 Abn. Div. and send to:

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BATTALION EVENTS

Mark your calendar for March 15, 2006, May 23rd, and one in September for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Deployment Briefings.

EMAILS

If you are interested in being added to our email roster please email me at losayal@hotmail.com





SSG Rivers was born at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and raised in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands. He celebrated his birthday on 10th of January, so "Happy Belated Birthday SSG Rivers. Patrick arrived in the Rakkasans in October of 2003. He served in OIF with Alpha Company 1-187 and came to Delta Company in November 2004. SSG has been an instrumental part of the Dragon team since his arrival. With his interpersonal skills and unwavering knowledge, Patrick brings an added insight into day to day operations. As on of the 1st Platoon Section Sergeants, he controls the movement and operation of over half of the platoon. Charged with making operational decisions on a daily basis, Patrick has always and continues to impress his chain of command. Time and time again, Patrick has shown that there is no job or task that he cannot accomplish. Patrick is a forward thinker and is trusted to operate within the commander's intent with little to no guidance. His presence in this company continues to prove everyday that he is a vital asset and our company is that much better for having a leader like him. Patrick would like to say, "To Sarah and the kids, I love you all very much and I will be home soon. Also to the Sanchez Family, thank you for your support while I have been deployed. To my mom and the Bonano Family, thank you for your love and support, it helps make the deployment go by a little faster and makes things a little easier."

SPC Perez-Ortiz was born in El Salvador and raised there for the early part of his life. Moving to the United States in 1989, Nestor decided to enlist in the United States Army in August 1999. He became a part of Dragon Company in September 2001. He was part of OEFI and OIFI. Now on his 3rd deployment, Nestor has the single-most important job in the company. As the company armorer, he is entrusted to ensure that all of the company's weapon systems are fully functional and operational at all times. During day to day operational tempo, deficiencies with weapons come up, but none that Nestor cannot fix. His dedication to his job has allowed this company to be the fighting success that it is and continues to be. At our current location he has also helped out our security counterparts on numerous occasions with their weapon systems. With no formal training on Soviet style weapons, Nestor finds a way to make sure everything works and is better off after it has touched his hands. For your support and continued work ethic in this company, Thank You. Nestor would like to say, "Hello to my wife Y'Hanna, I miss you and love you very much. I will be home soon. To everyone who has shown their support for me and our mission, thank you very much as well."

SPC King was born and raised in Lafayette, Indiana. Brad celebrates his 21st birthday in July. He is fortunate enough to be celebrating his 21st with us in Iraq, sorry. Brad joined the Rakkasans in December 2003 and was immediately assigned to Dragon Company. Originally assigned to 1st Platoon, Brad was one of the platoon drivers. Over 2 years later, Brad has developed into a well balanced and mature Soldier who is currently entrusted with one of the most difficult jobs in this company. Brad currently operates as a rifleman. In this job he is one of the first people on the ground to go into houses as part of a search team, or approach stopped vehicles for vehicle searches. Brad puts his life on the line every time he is out on patrol and serves as the eyes and ears for his platoon. If there is a vehicle to check out, Brad is there. If there is a house to go into and search, Brad is there. Brad operates in his job as a quiet professional. He is seldom heard, but always seen. When Brad's platoon goes out, they take along with them one of the smartest and one of the most professional Soldiers Dragon Company has. Brad would like to say, "Hello to my father Andy and my buddy Chris Harmon. To Chris, I wish you were here. Hello to all of my other friends and family. This deployment has flown by with all of your support. I appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers."